

Unemployment Insurance Glossary

12-month moving average

The average of the most recent 12 months of data

Additional claim

An additional unemployment claim. It is filed after a break in an unemployment claim, which results from an intervening employment period within a single benefit year. (USDOL)

Annual total initial claims

The annual total number of initial claims

Average duration of unemployment

The number of weeks compensated per month divided by the number of first payments per month (USDOL)

Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA)

Benefits paid for total unemployment divided by weeks compensated for total unemployment (USDOL)

AZ DES RA

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration

BLS

United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Claimants Receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The number of unemployment claimants being paid by Arizona's Unemployment Insurance System (AZ DES RA EA)

EA

Economic Analysis

Exhaustion rate

The percentage of claimants whose unemployment benefits ran out before they found employment. Calculated by dividing final payments by first payments (from 26 weeks earlier) then multiplying by 100. The normal duration of UI benefits is 26 weeks. (AZ DES RA EA)

Final payments

A final payment is the last regular payment a claimant receives in a benefit year because the claimant has exhausted entitlement by drawing the full amount of benefits from the state and/or federal trust funds (USDOL)

First payments

The first payment in a benefit year for a week of unemployment claimed under a specific state and/or federal trust fund program. This is used as a proxy for "beneficiaries" under a specific USDOL program.

Initial claim

Any notice of unemployment filed by an unemployed worker to request (1) a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation or (2) a second of subsequent period of unemployment within a given benefit year or period of eligibility. (USDOL)

Insured unemployed

An unemployed individual who qualifies for unemployment benefits.

UI Weeks Claimed (filed)

The number of claimant/weeks filed in a given benefit month.

UI Weeks Compensated (paid)

The number of claimant/weeks paid in a given benefit month.

USDOL

United States Department of Labor